







Delaware Board of Well Drillers Meeting Minutes of January 10, 2017

Alan Pongratz called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m. on January 10, 2017, in DNREC conference room B136. Members in attendance: Alan Pongratz, Mike Daisey, Steve McCreary and Eric Sackett. A motion was made by Steve McCreary, seconded by Eric Sackett, and carried with no opposition, to accept the November 1, 2016, minutes. The December 2016 meeting was cancelled due to lack of business.



NEW BUSINESS:

- **The Board reviewed and discussed the following applications for new license with recommendations as follows:**

-  Marc Hauge – Cascade Drilling applied for a well driller license. The board found the application to be lacking information. Question #9 on the application is not containing the required information. The type of license was also questioned by the board. The applicant's experience is in geotechnical well drilling, however, the applicant selected "well driller" as license type. A motion was made by Alan Pongratz and seconded by Eric Sackett to return the application as incomplete.
-  John Michael Gravatt – CGC Geoservices applied for a well driller license. A motion was made by Mike Daisey and seconded by Eric Sackett to approve the application.
-  Adrian Martinez – CGC Geoservices applied for a geotechnical well driller license. A motion was made by Eric Sackett and seconded by Mike Daisey to approve the application.
-  Douglas Geovanni Ruiz – A.C. Schulties of MD applied for a well driller license. The board found the application to be lacking information. Question #9 on the application is not containing the required information. A motion was made by Steve McCreary and seconded by Eric Sackett to return the application as incomplete.
-  John Joseph Dixon – Cascade Drilling applied for a well driller license. The board found the application to be lacking information. Question #9 on the application is not containing the required information. Applicant is missing the second reference. Applicant also needs to confirm classification or needs to include more detail on application. A motion was made by Eric Sackett and seconded by Mike Daisey to return the application as incomplete.
-  William R Byler – Byler's Well Service applied for a well driller license. A motion was made by Eric Sackett and seconded by Steve McCreary to approve the application.

- **Training – Variable Frequency Drives:** The Variable Frequency Drives Training application was reviewed by the board. A motion was made by Eric Sackett and seconded by Mike Daisey to approve Variable Frequency Drives Training for a total of two continuing education points and will be added to the Approved Continuing Education Programs list.
- **Training** – Alan Pongratz suggested that all credible future training applications received, should be reviewed and approved by him, without the review or presence of the board members. A motion was made by Eric Sackett and seconded by Mike Daisey to allow Alan Pongratz to review and approve any future credible training applications without review or presence of the board. Any questionable training applications will be presented to the board for review and approval or rejection.
- **2017 Fall Seminar** – Alan Pongratz suggested that each member of the board be assigned to a specific idea or contact person for the 2017 Fall Seminar. Steve McCreary will contact David Wunsch from the Delaware Geological Survey, since he has expressed interest in attending and participating in the seminar for this year. Eric Sackett will contact Dennis Duty, a representative from Haliburton “Baroid” Corporation, regarding attending and possibly speaking at the seminar. Mike Daisey will be in contact with the representative from Franklin Electric as well as the safety coordinator from Delaware Technical and Community College to extend an invitation for them to attend and possibly speak at the seminar as well. The seminar is going to take place at the Modern Maturity Center in Dover, Delaware, on Friday, December 1, 2017.
- **Retirees** – Alan suggested that Ira Brittingham and John McFarland be presented with a signed, framed certificate of appreciation for years served on the Water Well Licensing Board. All members of the board agreed.

OTHER BUSINESS:

- **Vacancy Resumes:**
 -  **Edward Kelley** – A motion was made by Eric Sackett and seconded by Mike Daisey to recommend appointment to Secretary David Small. The motion was carried with no opposition.
 -  **Melvyn Miller** – A motion was made by Mike Daisey and seconded by Eric Sackett to recommend appointment to Secretary David Small. The motion was carried with no opposition.
- **Chairman of the Board** – Mike Daisey inquired about there being a position of “Chairman of the Board.” Alan Pongratz suggested that it be brought up and discussed when there is a full board with no vacancies.

Steve McCreary made a motion to adjourn the meeting. It was seconded by Eric Sackett and carried with no opposition. The meeting adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sarah Jones, Licensing Coordinator

Date

Alan Pongratz, Licensing Board Secretary, Acting Chairman

Date